

APPENDIX 6 MHTP EVALUATION TEAM AND TASK GROUP MEMBERS

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Here is a short story and comments that a Washington State consumer recently shared with us:

You've probably heard the story about the drunken man who lost his wallet and was discovered by a passerby searching for it under a light post.

'Are you sure this is where you dropped it?'" asked the passerby.

'Oh, no mate', replied the drunk, 'I dropped it in the gutter, but I can see much better over here.'

I suspect that sometimes mental health researchers are a little like this misguided man. However, instead of a wallet, they have misplaced something called 'the right questions' and 'relevant research'. Unlike the drunken man, they do not know they are focusing their search in the wrong area.

However, just as the inebriated man would be aided by a torch, the researchers would benefit from the illumination that could be provided by working in partnership with consumers with lived experience of a mental disorder.

It is in this spirit that the following individuals are working to ensure that our evaluation efforts are consistent with Transformation goals. The list does not indicate who are researchers and who are consumers; we are learning to be partners in this process.

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